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A Penny for your Thoughts

Noting the recent crowning of "Miss Apple Butter," the HERALD's inquiring photographer posed this question:

"Nowadays, queens are being crowned bearing such diverse titles as "Miss Apple Butter," "Miss Dill Pickle," or "Miss Peanut Brittle." What is your opinion of queen contests? Do you think they are overdone?"

Bernice Arnold, Redondo Beach, housewife:

"They definitely are overdone. I can't stand "Queen for a Day," where everybody gets up and weeps. As far as I can see, none of the weepers think about helping themselves."

Victor U. Kilburn, 4913 Shawnee Lane, adult education director:

"Yes. Community queen contests help to put the city on the map. However, there are too many contests. For publicity purposes, they don't do much good. I look at the pictures but don't read the articles that go with them."

Joe Wilcox, 22024 Ellinwood Dr., YMCA secretary:

"There are so many contests that they lose their value and appear to be more of a joke. None of them inspire me to eat apple butter, dill pickles, or peanut brittle. They're going so far that I hear there's even a young woman visiting here who claims to be queen of England."

Mrs. George Holt, 614 Pine Dr., housewife:

"They are absolutely overdone. I think there is too much politics played in contests. I do not think they are a bit fair, and I certainly speak from experience. It makes me mad to think of them."

Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, 2724 Arlington Ave., housewife:

"It used to be an honor to be elected queen. But now it's a common occurrence. No one pays an attention now . . . and they get such silly titles."

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Court in Old City Hall Set

Supervisors Approve City Offer of Space

Use of the old city hall in downtown Torrance as a temporary branch of the South Bay Municipal Court was assured Tuesday when the board of supervisors agreed to rental and maintenance terms proposed by the city.

Approval of the court arrangement came on the recommendation of Supervisor Burton W. Chace who pointed out that the property at 1511 Cravens Ave. was particularly adaptable inasmuch as only minor alterations would have to be made to convert the old council chambers into a courtroom.

Offer Generous

"The city of Torrance has made a particularly generous offer inasmuch as the rental requested will cover exactly the cost of maintaining the building by the city," Chace told his colleagues on the board.

Plans for the new courthouse on the Torrance civic center are nearly completed, and should be presented to the board of supervisors by the first of the year for bids, Chace reported. Architect Kenneth Wing of Long Beach is designing the structure.

Judge Waiting

Judge Donald Armstrong, recently appointed by Governor Knight to be the third judge in the South Bay Municipal Court District, has been awaiting establishment of a facility since his appointment. Chace said yesterday that the court should be ready by the end of October.

Rivets Reports

Better get out your raincoat today, Rivets, the HERALD weatherdog, warned as he consulted his crystal ball. Light showers are expected to add to the .63 inch of rain the city received over the week end.

High and low temperatures this week included Sunday (67-58); Monday (74-57); Tuesday (72-58); and Wednesday (75-58).



STAND-BY DUTY . . . Several members of the Torrance Fire Department stand by crashed plane following its garage top landing Sunday night. Firemen were called out because of the danger of high test aviation gasoline burning after the crash. Dr. Edwin Knutson, his teen age son and two other boys were injured.

Crash Victims Reported Good

A Torrance physician and three teenagers, who miraculously escaped death last Sunday when their light plane crashed into a garage, were reported in satisfactory condition at Torrance Memorial Hospital yesterday.

Still in the hospital are Dr. Edward W. Knutson, 40, of 2371 Torrance Blvd.; his stepson, David Pottrill; Ronnie Adams, 1809 Acacia Ave. Another youth, Jack Rood of 1508 Amapola Ave., was sent home from the hospital Tuesday. All the boys were 13 years old.

The aerial mishap, which occurred Sunday evening, also came close to injuring eight occupants of the residence adjacent to the garage hit by the plane.

Eight in House

In the house at 2517 Dalemead St., were James Carney, 24, his wife, Carmelita, 23, their children, Sandra, 16 months, and Mario, 3; two nieces, Francine Magalline, 1 month; and Evalyn Magalline, 2; and friends, Peter and Elizabeth Ruiz of Wilmington.

Carney is the owner of the home where the plane crashed. None of the occupants were injured.

High School Pupils Take Over Torrance on Tuesday

Student leaders in the three Torrance high schools have been asked to participate in observing a "Junior Citizen's Day" on next Tuesday, according to J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

At the invitation of Mayor Albert Isen, many high school youth will be asked to "take over" city offices for the day. Each junior city official will accompany a regular city department head, beginning at 1:30 p.m. to observe the various functions and duties involved in City Government. The climax to the day's events will be participation in a City Council Meeting. Following a

dinner with the various city officers, the student leaders will participate in a Council meeting at which time important aspects of the coming city bond election will be discussed.

Prior to "Junior Citizen's Day" high school students will have an opportunity to study the various aspects of the coming park and airport bond election in the high school social studies classes. Special booklets giving all available information concerning these issues will be provided by the city for this purpose.

Some lucky boy is going to be Mayor for the day and many others will be selected to serve in such capacities as

YMCA Show Set Nov. 2 In Hollywood

A variety show starring Art Linkletter; an amateur talent show with Disc Jockey Dick Whittinghill, as emcee; prizes of all kinds; the UCLA-California football game, and a box lunch.

All these will be enjoyed by some 100 Torrance YMCAs who attend the 25th annual Y-Day in Hollywood, Nov. 2.

YMCA Executive Secretary Joe Wilcox this week urged those planning to attend to make their reservations at the Y. All of the boys in the Adventure Club will attend as part of the regular program.

This is a wonderful family program so if other persons are interested they can contact the YMCA for further information. Tickets may be reserved, as long as they last, up to Oct. 29.

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Crash Victim Recovering At Arrowhead

Mrs. Olea Brown, injured near Lake Arrowhead last Sept. 20 in an auto accident, has had the cast taken from her injured leg and has been replaced in a traction, the HERALD learned yesterday.

Mrs. Brown, of 2312 Dominguez St., was one of four Baptist laymen injured in the accident which occurred while they were enroute to a church conference at Arrowhead.

She is confined at Santa Anita Hospital, Lake Arrowhead, as is another victim of the same crash, Mrs. Grace Eller, 712A Amapola.

Removal of the cast from Mrs. Brown's leg was ordered when an infection started, relatives here reported. The victim will be in the hospital for another six weeks. Mrs. Eller will be released in three or four weeks.

The J. N. Zuttermeisters, 17321 Delia Ave., other victims of the crash, have returned to their home here. Mrs. Zuttermeister was driving, when the brakes on the car failed and she crashed into a bank.

OMISSION GIVES LAW SMALL CLUE

Some choosy burglars broke into the K and H Grill, 1817 Pacific Coast Hwy., Saturday, taking the cash register, mixer, and toaster and rifling the cigarette machine of all but two brands-of cigars.

Sheriff's deputies now have an additional clue—the burglars don't like Lucky Strike or Victory cigars.

Apparently the juke box also had been rifled also, Chester Rathaway, owner, told deputies. Value of the missing machines was set at \$412.

The previous day at Jack's Grill, 1815 Pacific Coast Hwy., John McGee arrived for work at 5:45 a.m. and heard what he thought was an early customer knocking at the door. Opening the door, he found a hole in the door and shavings on the ground.

He spotted two men carrying a brace and bit and gave chase, but the culprits escaped.

Man, 71, Nabbed In Raid

Thousands of Photos Found by Vice Squad

What was believed to be the distribution center for many lewd movies, pictures, and literature throughout the area was raided Tuesday night by Torrance Police and sheriff's deputies.

The officers arrested Frederick William Miller, 71, 1218 El Prado, and Francis Isabelle Osborne, 38, 617 Amapola Ave., on morals charges. An officer "picked up" Mrs. Osborne and she took them to Miller's apartment.

Woman Arrested

There, officers arrested Mrs. Osborne on charges of prostitution and found 60 reels of lewd film, 50 reels of assorted risque movies and a suitcase full of lewd literature and photos.

Taken to South Bay Municipal Court yesterday morning, Mrs. Osborne pleaded guilty to three counts before Judge John Shidler, while Miller pleaded not guilty on five counts and asked for a court hearing, the date to be set later.

Charges Filled

Miller was charged with being a lewd and dissolute person, distributing and selling lewd literature, keeping a disorderly house, residing in a lewd house, and soliciting for the lewd purposes. All are misdemeanor offenses. He was sent to jail in lieu of \$500 bond.

Mrs. Osborne was charged with being a lewd and dissolute person, living in a house of ill fame, and keeping a house of ill fame. She was committed to the County Hospital with her request for probation.

Slick Streets Get the Blame

Death laid a heavy hand over the area this week end as six persons died following traffic accidents.

The rain-wet streets provided a slippery death trap as fatality after fatality was recorded here in one of the worst series of traffic accidents on record.

The dead were:

Barbara Ann Gilbert, 18, of Los Angeles. Mrs. Rita Myrick, 44, of 1573 Wilmington Blvd., Miss Bobbie C. Durr, 26, of Los Angeles. Robert F. Stuber, 23, of 1421 Gaviota Ave. Edward Henry Wagner, 48, of 1311 W. 228th St. Mrs. Clara H. Sweet, 55, of 219 W. 233rd.

Mrs. Gilbert was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital following an accident Sunday at Main and Carson Sts. Her husband, also injured, was treated at Harbor. The Gilbert car, according to police reports, skidded into an auto driven by Calvin Hess, 38, of 512 E. Double St.

Car Skids

Hess told officers he saw the car go out of control and pulled to one side, but could not escape the path of the Gilbert car which skidded on the wet streets. Hess and his wife, Clarine, received minor injuries.

Mrs. Myrick was killed Saturday when she was struck by a car driven by Harold Baker, 46, of Wilmington. According to police reports, the woman had just alighted from a car driven by her niece, Mrs. Glen Gussum of 131 W. 222nd St. She was crossing Wilmington toward her home when she was struck. She was pronounced dead at Wilmington Receiving Hospital.

Miss Durr was killed and three others were injured when their car overturned twice on Avalon Blvd near 213th St. Saturday. Driver of the auto, Bill Barron, 30, of Los Angeles, is reported in fair condition at Harbor Hospital. Others injured were Dorothy Ledsmo, 22, and Jeff Brewster, 23, both of Los Angeles.

Youth Killed

Stuber died Saturday in Harbor Hospital of injuries received Oct. 7 when a car driven by Karen Allison, 16, crashed into a house at 22820 Dolores St.

Wagner died early Tuesday morning at Harbor. He was injured in a two car crash

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NABBED IN RAID . . . Frederick W. Miller, 71, sits amid material he was accused of peddling after police and Sheriff's deputies raided his apartment at 1218 El Prado Tuesday night. Miller and Francis Isabelle Osborne, 38, of 617 Amapola, were jailed on morals charge.

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